WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for analyzing an investment portfolio, comprising:
receiving a communication from a user terminal, via a computer network, to initiate a session for analyzing an investment portfolio for a user;
receiving a description of a financial instrument in said portfolio; and
calculating a risk for said financial instrument.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting said risk to said user terminal.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said description comprises receiving said description from said user terminal, via said computer network.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein said step of receiving said description comprises receiving said description from a database that stores said description on behalf of said user.

5. The method of claim 1, wherein said description of said financial instrument includes data selected from the group consisting of an identification of said financial instrument, a quantity, an indication of either a short position or a long position, and an initiation date.

6. The method of claim 1, further comprising calculating a return for said financial instrument.

7. The method of claim 1,
wherein said financial instrument is one of a plurality of financial instruments in said portfolio, and
wherein said method further comprises calculating a risk for said portfolio.

8. The method of claim 1,

wherein said financial instrument is a member of a set of financial instruments in a class of asset, and

wherein said method further comprises calculating a risk for said set of financial instruments.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein said class of asset is selected from the group consisting of commodities, currencies, bonds, stocks, and a stock sector.

10. The method of claim 1, further comprising calculating an historical risk for said financial instrument.

11. The method of claim 1, further comprising calculating a profit for said financial instrument.

12. The method of claim 1, further comprising calculating an historical profit for said financial instrument.

13. The method of claim 1, further comprising calculating a value for said financial instrument.

14. The method of claim 1, further comprising calculating an historical value for said financial instrument.

15. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

receiving a communication from said user terminal indicating a simulated change in a parameter of said portfolio; and

calculating a simulated effect on said portfolio based on said simulated change.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein said parameter is selected from the group consisting of a risk for said portfolio, a risk for said financial instrument, a quantity of said financial instrument, and an additional financial instrument.

17. The method of claim 15, further comprising the step of generating a trade list to actualize said simulated change.

18. A system for analyzing an investment portfolio, comprising a processor that performs the steps of:

receiving a communication from a user terminal, via a computer network, to initiate a session for analyzing an investment portfolio for a user;

receiving a description of a financial instrument in said portfolio; and

calculating a risk for said financial instrument.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein said processor further performs the step of transmitting said risk to said user terminal.

20. The system of claim 18, wherein said step of receiving said description comprises receiving said description from said user terminal, via said computer network.

21. The system of claim 18, wherein said step of receiving said description comprises receiving said description from a database that stores said description on behalf of said user.

22. The system of claim 18, wherein said description of said financial instrument includes data selected from the group consisting of an identification of said financial instrument, a quantity, an indication of either a short position or a long position, and an initiation date.

23. The system of claim 18, wherein said processor further performs the step of calculating a return for said financial instrument.

24. The system of claim 18,

wherein said financial instrument is one of a plurality of financial instruments in said portfolio, and

wherein said processor further performs the step of calculating a risk for said portfolio.

25. The system of claim 18,

wherein said financial instrument is a member of a set of financial instruments in a class of asset, and

wherein said processor further performs the step of calculating a risk for said set of financial instruments.

26. The system of claim 25, wherein said class of asset is selected from the group consisting of commodities, currencies, bonds, stocks, and a stock sector.

27. The system of claim 18, wherein said processor further performs the step of calculating an historical risk for said financial instrument.

28. The system of claim 18, wherein said processor further performs the step of calculating a profit for said financial instrument.

29. The system of claim 18, wherein said processor further performs the step of calculating an historical profit for said financial instrument.

30. The system of claim 18, wherein said processor further performs the step of calculating a value for said financial instrument.

31. The system of claim 18, wherein said processor further performs the step of calculating an historical value for said financial instrument.

32. The system of claim 18, wherein said processor further performs the steps of:

receiving a communication from said user terminal indicating a simulated change in a parameter of said portfolio; and

calculating a simulated effect on said portfolio based on said simulated change.

33. The system of claim 32, wherein said parameter is selected from the group consisting of a risk for said portfolio, a risk for said financial instrument, a quantity of said financial instrument, and an additional financial instrument.

34. The system of claim 32, wherein said processor further performs the step of generating a trade list to actualize said simulated change.

35. A storage media including instructions for controlling a processor that, in turn, analyzes an investment portfolio, said storage media comprising:

a module for controlling said processor to receive a communication from a user terminal, via a computer network, to initiate a session for analyzing an investment portfolio for a user;

a module for controlling said processor to receive a description of a financial instrument in said portfolio; and

a module for controlling said processor to calculate a risk for said financial instrument.

36. The storage media of claim 35, further comprising a module for controlling said processor to transmit said risk to said user terminal.

37. The storage media of claim 35, wherein said module for controlling said processor to receive said description comprises a module for controlling said processor to receive said description from said user terminal, via said computer network.

38. The storage media of claim 35, wherein said module for controlling said processor to receive said description comprises a module for controlling said processor to receive said description from a database that stores said description on behalf of said user.

39. The storage media of claim 35, wherein said description of said financial instrument includes data selected from the group consisting of an identification of said financial instrument, a quantity, an indication of either a short position or a long position, and an initiation date.

40. The storage media of claim 35, further comprising a module for controlling said processor to calculate a return for said financial instrument.

41. The storage media of claim 35, wherein said financial instrument is one of a plurality of financial instruments in said portfolio, and wherein said storage media further comprises a module for controlling said processor to calculate a risk for said portfolio.

42. The storage media of claim 35, wherein said financial instrument is a member of a set of financial instruments in a class of asset, and wherein said storage media further comprises a module for controlling said processor to calculate a risk for said set of financial instruments.

43. The storage media of claim 42, wherein said class of asset is selected from the group consisting of commodities, currencies, bonds, stocks, and a stock sector.

44. The storage media of claim 35, further comprising a module for controlling said processor to calculate an historical risk for said financial instrument.

45. The storage media of claim 35, further comprising a module for controlling said processor to calculate a profit for said financial instrument.

46. The storage media of claim 35, further comprising a module for controlling said processor to calculate an historical profit for said financial instrument.

47. The storage media of claim 35, further comprising a module for controlling said processor to calculate a value for said financial instrument.

48. The storage media of claim 35, further comprising a module for controlling said processor to calculate an historical value for said financial instrument.

49. The storage media of claim 35, further comprising:

a module for controlling said processor to receive a communication from said user terminal indicating a simulated change in a parameter of said portfolio; and

a module for controlling said processor to calculate a simulated effect on said portfolio based on said simulated change.

50. The storage media of claim 49, wherein said parameter is selected from the group consisting of a risk for said portfolio, a risk for said financial instrument, a quantity of said financial instrument, and an additional financial instrument.

51. The storage media of claim 49, further comprising a module for controlling said processor to generate a trade list to actualize said simulated change.

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